(c) Appointments on compassionate grounds made by the airlines during the last 6 years are as under:—

Air India	84
Indian Airlines	..186
Vayudoot	22

Proposal to abolish public schools in the country

116. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments considerations to abolish all public schools in the country to provide equal educational facilities to the poor and rich children;

(b) whether it is a fact that the fees charged by public schools are beyond the capacity of poor students; and

(c) if so, by when the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) There is no proposal to abolish Public Schools which are private unaided schools. Their abolition would violate the provisions of Article 19(1)(c), 19(1)(g), 30(1) and 31-A of the Constitution.

(b) and (c) Some of the Public schools are high fee-charging institutions which are operating due to parents paying the high fees voluntarily. The Government however, is committed to equalisation of educational opportunities and therefore, is striving for continuous qualitative improvement in Government schools and schools run by local bodies. It is expected that improvement in their standard of teaching and physical facilities will reduce the demand for admission in Public Schools.

International symposium on Preventive Cardiology

117. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Seminar on 'International Symposium on Preventive Cardiology' was held in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in January, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the names of the members who participated in the Seminar alongwith the countries they belonged to; and

(d) the nature of discussion held and outcomes thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An International Symposium on Preventive Cardiology and Cardiovascular Epidemiology was organised at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences from January 10 to 14, 1991. 300 scientists from India and foreign countries like Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, USA, UK, Netherlands, Belgium, Canada, Australia, USSR, Czechoslovakia and Zambia participated in it.

(c) The names of the participants in the Seminar alongwith the countries they belong to are given in the *statement.*

(d) The scientific programme of the symposium featured in-depth reviews and panel discussions on various fact of causation and prevention of rheumatic heart disease, coronary heart disease, hypertension, cardio-vascular, risk factors in the young, aortoarteritis endomyocardial fibrosis and tobacco control. The information available on risk factors for these disease and preventive strategies for their

control was critically apprised. Research priorities for generating information necessary for planning and strengthening preventive programmes to combat the threat of cardiovascular diseases were delineated. There was expert consensus at the symposium that:

(1) Cardiovascular diseases are a growing threat in India and will assume major epidemic proportions in the next two decades if preventive action is not initiated and vigrously implemented;

(2) Enough information is available on causation to start appropriate preventive programmes on; and

(3) More information is needed, through well designed epidemiological studies to identify the prevelence of heart diseases as well as the magnitude of elevated risk factor levels in various parts of India.

Statement

Foreign speakers participated in the International Symposium on preventive Cardiology and Cardiovascular Epidemiology (10-14 Jan. 1991)

Sl. No.	Name	Country
1.	Dr. Salim Yusuf	U.S.A.
2.	Prof. H. Kesteloot	Belgium
3.	Prof. David J.P. Barker	England
4.	Prof. Jack Hirsh	Canada
5.	Dr. Paul Whalton	U.S.A.
6.	Dr. Dodericke Grobbee	Netherlands
7.	Dr. Darwin Labarthe	U.S.A.
8.	Dr. Krishna Somers	Australia
9.	Dr. Chandra Patel	England
10.	Dr. Mark Steinhoff	U.S.A.
11.	Dr. Elizabeth Barrett-Connor	U.S.A.
12.	Dr. A.C. Arntzenius	Netherlands
13.	Dr. Raphael Oganov	U.S.S.R.
14.	Prof. Z. Pisa	Czechoslovakia
15.	Dr. Larry Scherwitz	California
16.	Dr. Paul Mckeigue	England
17.	Prof. Richard Heller	Australia
18.	Dr. Keith Ball	England
19.	Prof. Balarajan	England
20.	Dr. G.C. Sutton	England
21.	Dr. J.P.S. Narula	U.S.A.

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3. Dr. Abraham Joseph,
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Vellore.

4. Prof. P.S. Bidwai,
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Deptt. of Cardiology,
Sanjay Gandhi P.G.I. of Medical Science,
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Sri Chitrathirumal Institute of Medical Science,
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16. Dr. Gafoorunnisa,
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17. Prof. George Cherian,
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Privatisation of Vayudoot

118. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to privatise the Vayudoot;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any other alternative has been considered;

(d) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot incurred heavy losses and if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the details of losses incurred by the Vayudoot during the last six years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (c) Government is considering various options regarding the future set up of Vayudoot Limited. No Final decision has yet been taken in this matter.

(d) Yes, Sir. Since its inception in 1981 the accumulated losses of Vayudoot Limited upto 31st December, 1990, are estimated to be about 120 crores. The main reasons for the losses are aged and uneconomic fleet, short-haul operations, unremunerative fare structure, excessive expansion of the operations and over-staffing.

(e) The details af the profit/(loss) incurred by Vayudoot Limited during the last six years are as follows:

Year	(*Rs. in lakhs*) Profit/Loss
1984-85	12.97
1985-86	(183.51)
1986-87	(823.32)
1987-88	(1359.32)
1988-89	(2135.50)
1989-90	(2969.97)